



Duncombe News

8th February 2018



Well it's half term and everyone seems ready for a break! It has been a very busy week with a focus on internet safety at its core. It was good to see parents at the E-Safety Meeting organised by Mr Le Tissier and the key speaker, Mr Bill Irving, a Housemaster from Haileybury College, spoke most engagingly. He has left his presentation with us which we will make available via our website. The pupils focused on how we can get the best out of the digital world, whilst being proactive and keeping ourselves safe.

Our Treetops sharing afternoon today is always a lovely occasion where we can celebrate our youngest children's achievements and progress. A lovely experience for our pupils, staff and parents. Pupils in Nursery through to Year 5 received their reports today. Do please take some time to read this through with them and in particular look at the Next Steps that have been set. I enjoyed reading about the successes, endeavour and the challenges for our children. It is very clear that expectations are high and that when these are set our children are able to meet and often exceed them.

Wednesday and Thursday saw the school visited by ISI Inspectors. The Compliance Report looks at the Independent Schools Standard Regulations which is across 8 key areas. The reports are much briefer than the Quality Inspections of the past and will be published by ISI in around four weeks from now. Whilst I cannot share the outcome; I can say how very proud I am of the entire Duncombe community.

Do have a lovely half term and we will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February for our second half of the Spring Term. *Mr Phelan*

Well done to this week's Pupils who received a Headmaster's Award.



Diary Dates

Friday 9th February - School closed.

Monday 19th February - Second Half of Spring Term resumes.

Tuesday 20th February - Year 1 Glass Workshop
Year 5 Come Dine with Us. Start time 5pm in New Hall.

Wednesday 21st February - Year 1 Glass Workshop

Friday 23rd February - 6S Class Assembly. Parents welcome. 8.50am start in New Hall.

Swimming for Year 6.

Looking Forward

Monday 26th February - Book Week.

Year 4 Victorian Workshop.

Wednesday 28th February - 6S and 6LT Eureka Workshop at Princess Helena College.

Years 3 and 4 to Hertford Library.

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day.

Open House Coffee Morning for Hatfield Charity. 8.30am in Old Hall and bake sale.

Friday 2nd March - 3FH Class Assembly. Parents Welcome. 8.50am in New Hall.

World Book Dress up Day.

Tuesday 6th March - Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Year 4 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 8.30pm.

Wednesday 7th March - Science Day for Reception to Year 6 at Duncombe.

Year 6 to Crucial Crew. 12.45pm at Morgans School.

Thursday 8th March - Open Morning for Prospective Parents.

Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Friday 9th March - Nursery and Reception Mothers' Day Assembly. 9.00am to 9.20am in New Hall. Parents welcome.

Lower School Mothers' Day Assembly. 9.30am to 10.15am in New Hall. Parents welcome.

Swimming for Year 5.

Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 21st February - U11 Hockey v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

Thursday 22nd February - U8 Netball v Edge Grove (away). Time TBC.

Monday 26th February - U11 Netball v St Francis (away). 4pm start.

Wednesday 28th February - U10 Rugby v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 2.30pm start.

Friday 2nd March - U9 Rugby v St Joseph's in the Park (away). Time TBC.

Wednesday 7th March - U11 Netball v Heath Mount (away). Time TBC.



Duncombe School Book Week



As well as the following detailed events, Duncombe School Book Week will be packed with plenty of activities to engage the children. We hope to inspire our pupils to pick up a book and share their favourite stories.

Bring Your Own Book

We would love the children to bring their favourite book into school to discuss it with each other. Throughout the week, there will be opportunities for all children from Nursery to Year 6 to participate in a Buddy Reading session. It would be lovely for the children to share their beloved reads during this time. Please ensure books are clearly named.

Dolly Peg Character Competition

As part of our celebrations for World Book Day, there will be a competition to make a model of the children's favourite book character using a dolly peg. The peg can be dressed or just painted as in the examples shown below. The closing date for the competition is Wednesday 28th February. Elaine Penrose will be visiting the school on Thursday 1st March and judging the entries for Treetops, Lower School and Upper School. There will be lots of time after the half-term holiday to prepare a character and plenty of blank pegs are available from the school office. Please remember to clearly label the dolly peg with your child's name and form.



Tuesday 27th February

Book Swap

If you have any children's books that are no longer age appropriate, then please feel free to donate your books for our book swap on Tuesday 27th February. Please bring them to the Old Hall and leave them in the relevant area on the tables provided. Children will be given the opportunity to swap books throughout the day.



Wednesday 28th February

Year 3 and 4 Library Visit

The children will be venturing into Hertford to visit the local library and will continue their learning in connection with their current English topics. They will be furthering their knowledge of the genres in a fun and practical way with the professional instruction of the librarians.

Thursday 1st March

Bake Sale

As part of book week, we are holding a cake sale with a twist. We would be most grateful, if the children could bring in 6 cakes or biscuits nut free (including ground almonds and almond essence). with a book theme. The tasty treats will be delivered to classrooms at first break with the proceeds going to Hatfield's charity (Herts and Essex Air Ambulance). Please could the children also bring in £1 to donate. Cakes will be sold after school outside the Old Hall.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Book Quiz

Elaine Penrose will be visiting the school to judge the Dolly Peg Competition. In the afternoon, she will be hosting a book-based quiz for Years 5 and 6.

Book Fair

A wide range of books will be available for sale after school and the children will be able to use their £1 tokens towards the cost of a book. The sale will be held in 4G.

World Book Day

Each child will receive a World Book Day token in their book bags.

Friday 2nd March

World Book Day Fancy Dress

To enter into the spirit of celebrating World Book Day, we are inviting both staff and pupils to dress as a book character on Friday 2nd March. The outfit can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish! Some ideas can be found on the following website:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/>

Please could children bring in £1 on the day, as a donation to the Hatfield charity Herts and Essex Air Ambulance.



Maths Competition

Well done to all the children, who correctly answered the January Maths competition. Look out for the next competition after we come back.

Mrs Takawira



Swimming

In preparation for the Upper School Swimming Gala on Friday 16th March, Years 5 & 6 will be swimming at Hartham on the following dates:

Friday 23rd February – Year 6

Friday 2nd March - Years 2 & 3 as normal

Friday 9th March - Year 5

Friday 16th March – Swimming Gala

This means that Years 2 & 3 will not be swimming on the 23rd February, 9th March and 16th March.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 19th February



Homemade Soup and Fresh Baked Bread available Daily

G- Gluten D-Dairy F-Fish S-Soya

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Week 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread G	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread G	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread G	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread G	Soup of the Day Served with Fresh Homemade Bread G
Dish of the Day Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti G	Dish of the Day Chicken and Broccoli Filo Pie G,D	Dish of the Day Tuscan Sausages with Cannellini Beans in Tomato Herb Sauce G	Dish of the Day Roast Beef with Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding D	Dish of the Day Homemade Salmon F,G Fishcakes with Lemon and Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Option Quorn Mince Bolognese With Spaghetti G,S	Vegetarian Option Winter Vegetable and Bean Stew with Herby Dumplings G	Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable Wraps G	Vegetarian Option Sweet Pepper and Mushroom Frittata D	Vegetarian Option Pasta Primavera G
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise D,F Cheese	Pasta Bar G Tomato Sauce Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Pasta Bar G Cheese Sauce G Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese
Vegetables Spaghetti G Steamed Green Beans	Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Steamed Sweetcorn	Vegetables Savoury Layer Potatoes Sauté Courgettes	Vegetables Rustic Roast Potatoes Roasted Beetroot D Steamed Medley of Vegetables	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Steamed Garden Peas Baked Beans
Dessert Apple and Blackberry Crumble G with Cream Fresh Fruit	Dessert Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard G,D Fresh Fruit	Dessert Oaty Cherry Cookie G Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Raspberry Ripple Mousse D,G Fresh Fruit	Dessert Mixed Berry Cheesecake G,D Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

